



**STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
POLICY DIRECTIVE**

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I. POLICY

The Department of Corrections will provide inmates discharging/paroling from a secure adult facility the remaining balance on the inmate's account and may provide gate money to assist inmates, who meet the general requirements below, with expenses upon facility departure.

II. APPLICABILITY

All secure adult facilities Department owned and contracted, as specified in the contract.

III. DEFINITIONS

Gate Money – Monetary benefit provided to eligible inmates at the time of discharge/parole from the custody and supervision of a secure adult facility up to \$100.

Inmate Welfare Funds (IWF) – The account that is in the state special revenue fund that is the repository for net proceeds from inmate canteen purchases and offender telephone use, cash proceeds from the disposition of confiscated contraband, and any public money held for the needs of inmates and not otherwise allocated; also referred to as Inmate Welfare Account.

Secure Adult Facility – Facilities that include Montana State Prison, Montana Women's Prison, Dawson County Correctional Facility, Cascade County Correctional Facility, and Crossroads Correctional Facility.

IV. DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVES

A. General Requirements

1. Inmates with less than a \$100 balance on the inmate's account when discharged/paroled may be eligible for gate money in an amount up to \$100. The combination of gate money, and the inmates existing account may not exceed \$100 total. This allocation, and any additional assistance, may be provided to all discharging/paroling inmates unless ineligible in accordance with the provisions of this policy.
2. Inmates discharging/paroling from a secure facility are not eligible for gate money if:
 - a. the period of incarceration was for less than 12 consecutive months;
 - b. the inmate discharges one felony sentence to another;
 - c. the inmate is released to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or is not a citizen of the United States;
 - d. the inmate previously received gate money within the last five (5) years;
 - e. the inmate is released because the court vacated the sentence; or

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- f. the inmate is paroled to the federal jurisdiction; inmates paroled to the federal system will be given \$5 in accordance with [53-30-111, MCA](#).
- 3. Qualifying inmates may also apply for additional departure assistance not provided for in gate money to include:
 - a. transportation allowance up to \$200 allocated from existing IWF funds and approved by the administrator, or designee, on a case-by-case basis; and
 - b. a single set of suitable clothing at discharge/parole in accordance with [53-30-111, MCA](#).

V. CLOSING

Questions concerning this policy should be directed to the facility administrator.

VI. REFERENCES

A. [53-30-111; MCA](#)

VII. ATTACHMENT

None